

May 29, 1990

Bill Klaus
General Manager
Station WUVR

As a long-time listener to your station,
I am extremely disappointed with the
difficulty we now have receiving your
signal.

We live between North Canton and
Canal Fulton in Jackson Township.
We also notice a problem when we
drive between the Manchester area
and Clinton.

We sincerely hope this situation
can soon be remedied.

Mrs Robert R. Bell
759, Lutz Ave., N.W.
Middletown, Ohio 44646

May 29, 1990

WNIR

2449 State Rt. 59

Kent, Ohio 44240

Att: General Manager

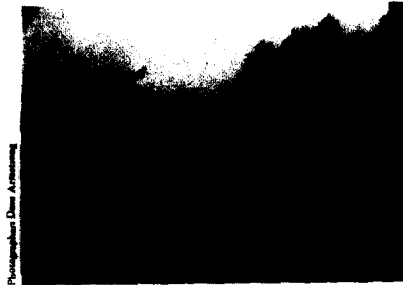
Dear Sir:

We really enjoy your station. The news keeps your listeners constantly updated and your talk show personalities stimulate varied interesting topics. However, in the past month we have noticed difficulty in receiving your station in Stark County. Our car radio does not clearly pick up your station until we reach the vicinity of the Canton/Akron airport.

If something can be done to improve our reception in Stark County we, along with many other of your loyal listeners, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Stollits
9603 Langford Ave.
East Grafton, Ohio 44626



NEWTON FALLS
PAPER MILL, INC.

May 4, 1990

Station WNIK

HELP - we are losing
your signal - Jackson Twp,
Stark County - your station is
the one that I listen to everyday -
rain or shine and particularly of
late WNIK just has been fading
in and out - Is there something that
can be done to correct this problem?
Kent-Akron is not that far
away from us - please
get us back WNIK!!

Barbara,

Mrs Shirley Bowers
5228 Koenen NW
Canton, Ohio 44718

5-18-90

I CONSIDER MYSELF ONE OF
THE UNFORTUNATE LISTENERS DUE
TO THE NEW URICHVILLE COUNTRY
MUSIC STATION OVER-POWERING YOUR
STATION. I HAVE JUST RECENTLY
FOUND YOUR STATION OVER THE PAST
FEW MONTHS — AND FIND IT AN
EXCELLENT INFORMATION SOURCE. I
AM ABLE TO PICK YOU UP EARLY
IN THE MORNING (ON MY WALK-MAN,
OF ALL THINGS) ONCE IN AWHILE —
BUT NOT LIKE I'D LIKE TO ALL
DAY.

YOURS TRULY,

LEE WIEBERMAN

4103 OAKWOOD DR.

BOWENSTON - OH

44695

Thom Sertich
1811 Hiram
Louisville, OH 44641
May 21, 1990

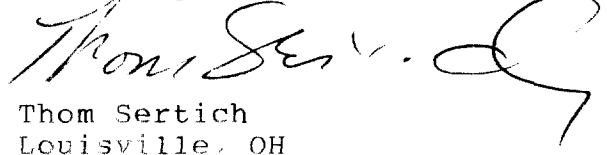
WNIR
P. O. BX 2170
Akron, OH 44309

Dear Sirs:

I have always enjoyed listening to WNIR, and have been able to for the last seven years. Lately, I am having great difficulty tuning in your station, not only in my home, but even as I travel through Akron to Cleveland, which I do frequently.

There seems to be some interference from a station near to your frequency--I believe it is a station on frequency 99.9. Many of my neighbors are also experiencing the same difficulty, and we are wondering why this has just started. Is it because of atmospheric conditions? Maybe you can tell us. We sure miss you.

Sincerely,


Thom Sertich
Louisville, OH

Dear Sir;

We receive an on-again-off-again radio signal in the New Phila. Area when we try to hear WNIR on our way to Columbus.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scott

May 7, 1990

Just a card to tell you, we are having an interference problem, ~~and~~ miss hearing hours of your programs. PLEASE have the State Communications people 'get on this'. The station interfering with this is WTLZ, 99.9 out of Urichsville, Ohio. This has only been a ~~problem~~ very recently. Thank you.

* on Federal

Mrs. Wanda F. Numbers
9825 Manchester Ave. S.W.
Beach City, Ohio 44608

Wanda F. Numbers

W.N.D.R. Radio Station:

The people in Alliance Ohio are sure having trouble getting your radio station. We sure all enjoyed it before you changed things. We could turn your radio station on, and never had to touch it. Now when we turn your station on, we get a couple of lines, then it fades away. Then in a little while it comes back on and does the same thing. I have been asking around and every one is having the same trouble. Don't there any thing you can do about it? If your station doesn't have enough power to operate right, can't a booster be put on.

I ask down at Henschen Motor the Radio dealer's - and they to are having the same trouble. Sure work things were like they used to be.

Thank you.

Mrs C. W. Lyons

1140 Glenwood Ave.
Alliance, Ohio 44601



ST. JOAN of ARC CHURCH

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MAY 3, 1990

MR. WILLIAM KLAUS,
GENERAL MANAGER, WNIR
P.O. BOX 2170
AKRON, OHIO 432 - -

DEAR MR. KLAUS

I LIVED IN STREETSBORO SINCE 1968, AND HAVE
LISTENED TO WNIR DURING THAT TIME.

I LIKE YOUR STATION, BUT NOW THAT I AM
RETIRED, AND LIVING IN LOUISVILLE, OHIO, I'M BEING
DEPRIVED OF THAT.

AS HOWIE SAYS: "THAT STATION FROM THE SOUTH"
IS INTERFERING WITH MY RECEPTION OF YOUR STATION.

WILL YOU PLEASE REFER THIS MATTER TO THE FCC
SO THAT ONCE AGAIN I CAN ENJOY YOUR STATION
WITHOUT INTERFERENCE "FROM THE SOUTH" ?

YOURS TRULY

Fr. James F. Stenson, Pastor Emeritus
FR. JAMES F. STENSON

EMMAUS HOUSE
1515 CALIFORNIA ST
LOUISVILLE, OHIO 44641

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November 19, 1995

Dear Bill,

I am a long time listener to your station and enjoy all the shows very much. The information you give daily on local issues are important to the people like me who live and work in the Akron area.

Mine and other employers allow workers to listen to radio stations during working hours with the aid of the walkman type radios. The problem is that WNIR doesn't come in as good as WONE, WKSU, or WWWE (for examples). I would love to leave the station setting on WNIR (along with your advertisers), but the poor reception forces me to switch around the dial or listen to library tapes.

I just wish you would increase the power of your transmission so that people could clearly hear your programs through building structures.

Best of luck in the coming years,

A handwritten signature consisting of a single, stylized capital letter 'S'.

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July 1987

Air takes FM stations out of area

'Ducting' alters radio audiences

By Bob Dyer
Beacon Journal radio writer

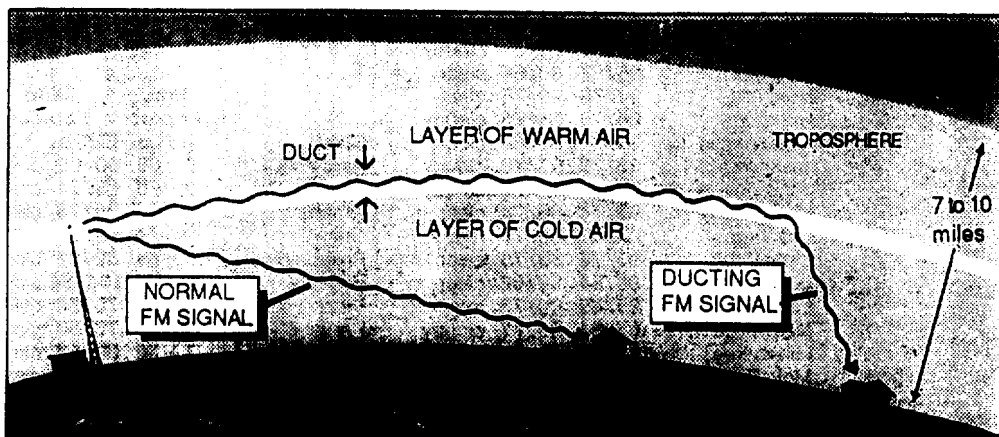
If you thought you heard strange sounds on your car radio Monday morning on the way to work, you weren't hallucinating.

Across the FM band, Akron listeners picked up out-of-town stations and heavy interference where local stations should have been. Television sets were doing funny things, too.

The strange goings-on were caused by a quirky atmospheric condition that led to what radio engineers call "ducting."

Tim Perry, assistant chief engineer of one of the most severely affected stations, Cleveland's WMJI (105.7-FM), said that with the right combination of hot and cold air layers, "the signals head up into the sky instead of going straight out (parallel to the ground)."

The signals zoom into the troposphere — the layer about 7 to 10 miles from the



Earth's surface, found just below the stratosphere — then bounce around and pop out down the road.

But, said Perry, "you don't get something for nothing." The extra distance is counterbalanced by poor reception in the immediate broadcasting area, he said.

In Akron, WMJI was replaced for a time by WOOD, a station in Grand Rapids, Mich., which broadcasts on the same frequency. One area listener heard De-

troit station WJOI loud and clear, but couldn't pick up Akron station WKDD (96.5-FM).

But WKDD came in just fine near Jamestown, N.Y., reported an Akron truck driver. That's about 140 miles from WKDD's tower.

Listeners in Tennessee and Michigan reported hearing Akron morning man

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Air alters FM audiences

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Stan Piatt, whose WNIR (100.1-FM) transmitter is in Kent. But many in Stark and Summit counties were unable to hear him.

Also inaudible at times were WMMS (100.7-FM) and WGAR (99.5-FM) in Cleveland, Wooster's WQKT (104.5-FM), Salem's WQXK (105.1-FM) and Akron's WONE (97.5-FM).

An Akron resident said a Detroit television station, Channel 4, came in remarkably well.

To illustrate the situation required for ducting, Curt Flick, assistant chief engineer for WKDD, talked about the sensation you occasionally feel when driving down a hill in the evening with your arm out the window — suddenly you notice a dramatic change in temperature. When a radio station's transmitter antenna happens to be located between two such layers, Flick said, ducting can take place. He called it "very rare."

WMJI's Perry said the condition occurs most often in the spring or fall, but can happen at any time.

A similar situation, though on

a more limited scale, took place one year ago, almost to the day. On the evening of July 23, 1986, a Canadian station came across Akron radios on WONE's frequency. The station logged 16 calls in one hour from puzzled fans.



November 16, 1988

The Honorable James H. Quello
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 N Street, N.W., Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MM Docket No. 88-375

Dear Commissioner Quello:

The purpose of this letter is to underscore the importance of the FCC adopting an across the board power increase, regardless of short spacing, for all Class A FM's as proposed by the New Jersey Class A Broadcasters Association.

I believe our situation is an excellent example of why the public will receive more service from an across the board power increase.

Our company is a family operated, single owner of a Class A FM station. Our format of news and talk programming is a tremendous service to the community 24 hours a day. We have owned and operated the station for the past 17 years.

Since the station went on the air 25 years ago, our area, which was once isolated, is now suburban to the Akron Metropolitan area. This is due to the population explosion, shifting housing patterns and construction of the freeway system. The public now lives and commutes over the entire two county area. With our present coverage we cannot effectively serve all the people who live and work in the area. We are not trying to serve areas we don't currently cover, but to simply offer a listenable signal in our current area at all times and extend our coverage the 1-2 miles needed to serve the population in the areas that have grown over the past 25 years.

In addition we need this power increase to provide adequate coverage to our present service area. In the real world we experience significant signal problems within our 1 mv/m from a variety of situations that are not apparent on paper. For example, currently we have:

- 1) Significant shadowing problems due to terrain
- 2) Difficulty in being received by inexpensive radios
- 3) Difficulty in being received in steel and concrete buildings
- 4) Significant interference due to temperature inversions
- 5) Interference from other Class A's such as co-channel WSWR in Shelby, Ohio.
- 6) Interference from Class B's hundreds of miles away on the first adjacent channel such as WZPR in Meadville, Pennsylvania, WKKO in Toledo, Ohio and WCLT in Newark, Ohio. These all cause significant interference in our present 1 mv/m coverage.

Our station is short spaced to 3rd adjacent channels WMMS and WGAR in Cleveland. The FCC has suggested that short-spaced stations will not be able to increase unless they use a directional antenna or relocate their transmitter site. Neither of these options is viable in our case. In addition, I do not believe short spacing should be an issue, because prior to revision of 73.213 in November, 1987 we could have moved significantly closer to the short-spaced stations, thereby increasing our signal in their direction, more than this power increase would allow.

The primary consideration should be increasing service, by allowing short spaced stations to increase power. Stations like ours will then be able to better serve our communities with local news, traffic, weather, discussion of public issues and other public services. Protecting WMMS and WGAR, which do not serve the people in greater Akron with local information services, only decreases service to the people of Greater Akron. Allowing the increase will not adversely affect the people of Cleveland which WMMS and WGAR are licensed to serve.

In addition allowing some Class A's to increase power will actually significantly decrease service to the people in our current coverage area. Stations like ours will receive new interference from other Class A's regardless, of any revised protection requirements, since real world conditions of terrain, atmosphere, receiver quality and buildings create situations not apparent on technical charts and maps.

We strongly suggest that the FCC allow all Class A Broadcasters regardless of short spacing, to increase power as proposed by the New Jersey Broadcast Association or no Class A Broadcasters should receive a power increase, so the FCC doesn't actually decrease current service and create a new second class status Class A Broadcaster, unable to compete in the real world.

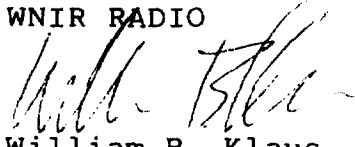
Finally, if the FCC decided that short spacing must be considered, the FCC should consider the technical feasibility of granting a 4000 or 5000 watt power level to all Class A's, in lieu of the 6000 watts currently being considered. However we strongly suggest the full 6000 watts regardless of short spacing be granted.

An across the board increase at some power level, regardless of short-spacing, will offer the greatest increase of local service to the public.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

WNIR RADIO



William B. Klaus
Vice President &
Station Manager

WBK/blh

cc: H. Walker Feaster, III
Acting Secretary

New Jersey Class A Broadcasters Association

Orig: Chairman:
Dennis M. Patrick
Commissioner:
Patricia Diaz Dennis

PORTAGE COUNTY

Office of the Commissioners

**Christopher Smeiles
Chuck Keiper
Jack Groselle**

January 29, 1996

Janet DiGiacomo, News Director
WNIR
P. O. Box 2170
Akron, Ohio 44309

Dear Ms. DiGiacomo:

I wanted to take an opportunity as a Public Official in Portage County to say a personal thank you to your organization and your staff for its fine efforts on behalf of Portage County citizens in the near past. I am referring to the incident where gasoline was inadvertently mixed with kerosene at a Speedway Station in Brimfield Township. Your response to this potentially lethal crisis was immediate, thorough, and in my belief, resulted in saving an untold number of lives.

So often public officials are quick to characterize the news media as a harmful force in our society. Your response to our crisis has helped to restore my personal faith and belief that the news media plays an important and vital role in all of our lives.

On behalf of the citizens of Portage County, as well as those citizens from our surrounding counties who traveled into Brimfield Township to purchase what was subsequently found to be tainted fuel, I offer my heartfelt Thank You. Your actions clearly saved lives, and clearly qualifies as heroic in my book.

I look forward to our continued positive relationship.

With warmest regards,



Charles W. Keiper II
Portage County Commissioner

CWK/slg
CC: Bill Klaus

DONALD J. KAINRAD
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216-296-3864

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Law Director
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Service Director
216-296-6326

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City Engineer
216-296-5666

KEVIN T. POLAND
Council President
216-296-9122

January 19, 1994

Jim Midock
WNIR Newsroom
PO Box 2170
Akron, Ohio 44309

RE: Thank you

Dear Mr. Midock:

I would like to thank you for your assistance and cooperation in helping to notify the residents of the City of Ravenna reference the power outage that hit the City early this morning.

Your cooperation and assistance during this outage was greatly appreciated. Also the staff that assisted with the phone calls during the early morning were very helpful also.

Thank you for your care and concern for the residents of the City of Ravenna.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bill'.

William J. Wisniewski
Service Director

CC: Bill Klouse
Station Manager

KENT POLICE DEPARTMENT

319 SOUTH WATER STREET • KENT, OHIO 44240

216-673-7712

WILLIAM C. LILLICH
Chief of Police

July 16, 1992

Bill Klaus
General Manager WNIR
P.O. Box 2170
Akron, OH 44309

Dear Mr. Klaus:

The last three nights of severe weather in this area have caused us all to re-examine our emergency notification procedures and our ability to advise the residents of emergency conditions. As you know, for the past four years, our procedure has called for the activation of emergency warning sirens and then the relay of information to your station to broadcast it to inform the public of any hazardous conditions. During the past few days, we have relied on this system a great deal.

I must compliment you on the performance of your staff in assisting to warn the public. Taking the time and energy to demonstrate that commitment is beneficial to the community. I'm sure that many other stations would not go to the degree that WNIR has to assist the public to react to hazards. I've always felt that the efforts of WNIR go well beyond reasonable standards of broadcast service to the public.

Thank you, and your staff, for a job done extremely well.

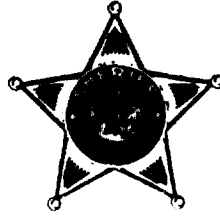
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William C. Lillich /cb".

William C. Lillich
Chief of Police

WCL/cbb

State of Ohio - Sheriff - Portage County



P. KEN HOWE, SHERIFF

May 1, 1991

WNIR

Howie, Janet, Joe, Larry & Staff,

RE: Public Information Announcements for Portage County

A short note to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your cooperation in making public announcements during our winter storms. Hopefully this information provided people with information to avoid any unnecessary risks to themselves and others.

I am very grateful that you didn't wait to make the announcements, as long as I did to send you this thank you. Your help is very much appreciated.

Also enclosed is some information that might help you when you are having a slow day. If there is any information that I can provide to help you or your listeners please don't hesitate to call me.

Again thanks for your help. If you are ever around the Courthouse, stop in. Coffee is always on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Ken Howe".

P. Ken Howe,
Sheriff



DON L. ROBERT
Mayor

City of Cuyahoga Falls

Office of The Mayor
2310 Second Street
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221-2583

Phone (216) 923-9921

November 13, 1990

Mr. Howie Chizek
WNIR RADIO
2449 State Route 59
Kent, OH 44240

Dear Howie:

During a recent program, I understand that you took the position that "cities are not recycling, they're simply sorting garbage". While I cannot speak for other cities, I can tell you that in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, that is simply not true. In 1990 (through October 31st) the City of Cuyahoga Falls collected 1,964.07 tons of recyclable material including aluminum and bi-metal cans, glass, plastic, copper and paper, all of which have been sold to brokers to be recycled. From the sale of this recyclable material, we have received \$56,544.68 and have avoided paying \$82,490.94 in tipping fees to have the material either incinerated at RES or landfilled at Hardy Road landfill. Although there have been times when newsprint has not been a revenue generating commodity because of depressed markets, at no time has the City of Cuyahoga Falls had to pay a broker to take the paper. Thus, even during periods of a depressed market for newsprint, our broker is still recycling all the newsprint it takes. Otherwise, the broker would be forced to charge us the tipping fee he must pay to dispose of the newsprint at either RES or a landfill.

[In conclusion, I would like to say that I listen to your program every chance I get and I applaud your efforts to keep the area informed regarding current topics of interest. With regard to recycling, however, your statements were simply wrong regarding what happens in Cuyahoga Falls, and I thought you would appreciate knowing that. I would also like to extend to you the opportunity to tour our recycling facility located on Bailey Road. I would be more than happy to personally escort you through the facility any time you wish.]

Keep up the good work, Howie. I look forward to listening to your excellent program.

Sincerely,


Don L. Robert
Mayor

DLR/ljw

PORTAGE COUNTY

Office of the Commissioners

**Nancy Hansford
Janet Esposito
Christopher Smeiles**



February 13, 1990

Messrs. William & Robert Klaus
W.N.I.R. Radio
2449 State Route 59
Kent, Ohio 44240

Dear Bill & Bob:

Because of your generous contribution, Portage County has taken another positive step forward. The air time enabled us to reach thousands of County citizens, informing them of the one-half percent sales tax to construct a new jail.

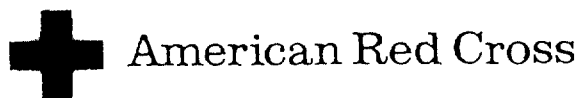
As a result, we can now move forward with stable planning and fiscal management. Thank you, and we wish you much success in your new endeavors.

Sincerely,

PORTAGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Hansford
Christopher Smeiles
Janet Esposito

PCC/ms



Summit County Chapter
501 West Market Street
Akron, Ohio 44303
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March 8, 1989

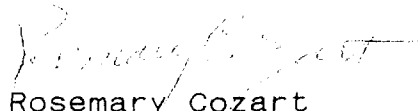
Dear Mr. Klaus:

In the aftermath of last week's train derailment and subsequent explosion and fire, I want you to know how much all those connected with the American Red Cross disaster relief operation appreciate the help and support we have received from WNIR Radio.

It is essential to the successful conduct of a disaster operation that the community understands Red Cross services. It is especially important that disaster victims themselves have this understanding, for their knowledge of the kind of help available to them makes it possible for them to seek the guidance and assistance they need. Your cooperation has helped immeasurably in achieving this understanding. You made a great contribution, not only to the Red Cross disaster relief program, but also to the recovery of the disaster victims themselves.

Thank you for your continued support of the American Red Cross services.

Sincerely,


Rosemary Cozart
Director
Public Relations

Mr. Bill Klaus
News Director
WNIR Radio
Kent, OH 44240



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